

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 2, 2004, which sets a shortened statutory period for reply of one month, making this Response due on or before September 2, 2004. Claims 32-40 are pending in the application, with claim 1 as the only independent claim.

At the time of filing this application, a Preliminary Amendment was submitted canceling claims 1-31 and submitting new claims 32-40. As such, claims 32-40 are pending in this case and are elected for examination without traverse. For the Examiner's convenience a copy of the March 9, 2001 Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.

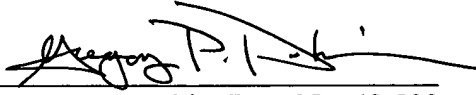
Since the proposed restriction requirements of the June 10, 2004 Office action ("OA") are not directed to the claim set submitted in the Preliminary Amendment, elections to particular inventions corresponding with canceled claims as required by Section 1 of the OA are believed improper. In the event the Preliminary Amendment was not entered or not received by the PTO, the Applicant will refile the Preliminary Amendment upon request.

The Applicant believes no fees are due with this Response; however, if any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account number 04-1415.

If the Examiner should require any additional information or amendment, please contact the undersigned at (303) 629-3427.

Respectfully submitted,

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